

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT

**I. HEADING**

Date: December 4, 1991  
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POLREP: POLREP No. 4

**II. BACKGROUND**

SITE NO.:	5 N
DELIVERY ORDER NO.:	N/A
RESPONSE AUTHORITY:	CERCLA
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
State Notification:	State Notified
Status of Action Memorandum:	Approved 1/07/91
Start Date:	November 5, 1991 (PRP)
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

**III. SITE INFORMATION**

The Walton Farm site occupies approximately one-half acre of a 37 acre parcel located in a residential/agricultural area of Delran Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. The site was used for the disposal of powdered chemicals, primarily pesticides, from approximately 1945 to 1952. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) referred the site to EPA for CERCLA removal action consideration in January 1990. Subsequent sampling conducted by EPA's Removal Action Branch (RAB) confirmed previous NJDEP data which revealed excessive concentrations of



pesticides (up to 38% DDT in soil), and lesser concentrations of heavy metals, volatiles and semi-volatile compounds. EPA has also conducted sampling which has not shown dioxin to be a contaminant of concern at the site.

In January 1991 an action memorandum was approved for funding a CERCLA removal action at the site but was not immediately acted upon due to ongoing PRP negotiations. In October 1991, the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) signed the Administrative Consent Order (ACO) which stipulated that the PRP (PPG Industries, Inc.) conduct mitigative activities as deemed necessary by EPA. (See previous polrep for additional details.)

#### **IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION**

##### **A. Planned Removal Actions**

As described in the ACO, the PRP is first responsible for conducting a site investigation for the purpose of defining the extent of contamination, and securing the site against trespassers. Once the extent of contamination is sufficiently defined, the PRP will submit the results along with an appropriate removal work plan to EPA for approval. Once the PRP's work plan is approved by EPA, removal activities will be initiated.

##### **B. Situation**

The PRP's contractor was on-site from November 5 through November 21 with investigative activity expected to continue on an intermittent basis through mid-December. As of November 21 the PRP's contractor had completed the majority of site investigation activity, constructed a site access road, and installed a security fence and warning signs. A Draft Site Characterization Report and Final Removal Work Plan are due to EPA by the end of December.

##### **C. Next Steps**

Removal activity will be initiated by the PRP upon EPA's approval of the PRP's removal work plan. The completion of removal activities is anticipated to occur by June 1992.

##### **D. Key Issues**

On November 22, 1991, a public availability session was held at the Delran Twp. Municipal Building. The meeting was attended by the OSC, an Office of External Programs (OEP) representative, a representative for the PRP's contractor, and approximately 30 concerned citizens. During discussions at the meeting, a local resident who had grown up near the site offered additional information about dumping at the site in the 1950s. In response to this, the OSC met on-site with the resident on November 25 to collaborate existing data with the recollections of the resident.

## V. COST INFORMATION

The costs for this removal action are being borne by the PRP. The total cost is currently estimated to be a minimum of \$2,000,000.

The combined oversight costs for EPA and TAT are presently estimated to be \$ 9,000. Oversight costs do not reflect those costs generated by EPA enforcement and investigation activities.

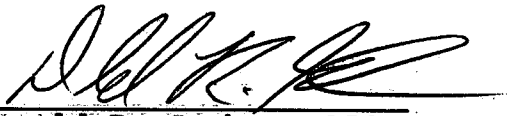
## VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Not applicable at this time.

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